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USADB

PASS TREASURY FOR BRADFORD/SHERK

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SUBJ: CODEL VISIT TO ADB

REF: TREASURY 77-204 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL INDICATED THAT CODEL LED BY CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF (NY) MAY HAVE SOME INTEREST IN VISITING ADB PROJECTS IN MANILA, SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR/PENANG DURING PLANNED ASIAN TRIP. PROJECTS LISTED BELOW ARE RANKED IN ORDER OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO CODEL AS VIEWED BY USADB:

2. MANILA AREA: USADB BELIEVES LAGUNA DE BAY PROJECT IS MOST INTERESTING ONE IN MANILA AREA FOR CODEL TO VISIT.

A. LAGUNA D BAY PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO IMPORVE QUALITY OF WATER AND TO PRESERVE RESOURCES OF ONE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA'S
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LARGEST LAKES. IT ALSO HAS ENVIRONMENTAL AND FLOOD CONTROL ASPECTS. KEY COMPONENT WILL BE CONSTRUCTION OF HYDRAULIC CONTROL STRUCTURE (NOT YET BEGUN) DESIGNED TO BLOCK SEASONAL SEA WATER BACKFLOW FROM MANILA BAY, AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL WASTES. EXECUTING AGENCY IS WELL SET UP TO PROVIDE BRIEFING AT ITS OFFICES NEAR PROJECT AREA AND, WITH ADVANCE NOTICE,

CAN ARRANGE FOR BOAT TRIP AROUND AREA. PROJECT AREA ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM CITY. ENTIRE VISIT PROBABLY WOULD CONSUME FOUR HOURS.

B. MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FOR CODEL VISIT. DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED AND BIDS ARE JUST NOW BEING EVALUATED. WHILE NO ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES AT AIRPORT HAS YET BEGUN, EXECUTING AGENCY IS PREPARED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE BRIEFING. TWO HOURS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR VISIT AND BRIEFING.

C. MANILA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT HAS STRONG SOCIAL CONTENT, THOUGH LIKE AIRPORT PROJECT THERE IS NO ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION ON ADB-FINANCED COMPONENT. EXECUTING AGENCY CAN PROVIDE BRIEFING AND VISIT TO EXISTING TREATMENT PLANT WHICH ADB PROJECT WILL MODIFY. VISIT WOULD REQUIRE TWO TO THREE HOURS.

D. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND VISIT TO PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PHILIPPINES HEADQUARTERS. CURRENTLY, WE ARE EXAMINING SEVERAL POSSIBLE SUB-PROJECTS TO SEE WHICH ONES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. TWO TO THREE HOURS WOULD BE REQUIRED, DEPENDING ON WHETHER ONE OR TWO SUB-PROJECTS WERE TO BE VISITED.

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3. SINGAPORE: USADB RECOMMENDS SINGAPORE PORT PROJECT WHICH WAS NOT ON SUGGESTED LIST REFTEL.

A. SINGAPORE PORT PROJECT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE, NEARLY COMPLETED AND ADB CONTRIBUTION HAS GOOD VISIBILITY. SINGAPORE PORT AUTHORITY ALSO HAS CABLE CAR GOING FROM PORT AREA TO SANTOSA ISLAND.

B. FIRST WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IS ALMOST COMPLETED. IT HAS TWO CATCHMENT AREAS WHICH CAN BE VISITED. TENDERING FOR SECOND WATER SUPPLY PROJECT, WHICH HAS CO-FINANCING FROM BANK OF AMERICA, IS JUST NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN.

C. WE RANK JURONG WHARVES AND POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS ABOUT SAME. BOTH ARE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS CLOSE TO COMPLETION.

D. MAJOR PORTION OF SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOAN WAS CANCELLED AFTER GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO MOVE AIRPORT TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

4. KUALA LUMPUR: USADB FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO RECOMMEND A PROJECT TO VISIT IN KUALA LUMPUR AREA. IT APPEARS FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH BANK STAFF THAT MALAYSIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BERHAD (COMPANY) PROJECT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SUB-PROJECTS IN KUALA LUMPUR ITSELF UNDER ADB LOAN FINANCING. OF THIRTEEN SUB-PROJECTS UNDER ADB LOAN, CLOSEST ONE IS TEXTILE MILL IN KEJANG TOWN, SELANGOR STATE, WHICH BANK STAFF INDICATE IS ABOUT 20 KM. FROM KUALA LUMPUR. ONLY OTHER ADB LOAN PROJECT IN KUALA LUMPUR AREA IS KUALA LUMPUR-KERAK HIGHWAY PROJECT, WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE LIMITED INTEREST CODEL.

5. PENANG: THOUGH ADB-FINANCED WATER SUPPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT IS PRIMARILY ON MAINLAND, WE RECOMMEND THIS PROJECT AS PROBABLY MOST INTERESTING.

A. WATER SUPPLY PROJECT INCLUDES INTAKE, PUMPING STATION AND WATER TREATMENT WORKS LOCATED ON MAINLAND. PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES 11,500 FOOT LONG SUBMARINE PIPE-LINE FROM MAINLAND TO PENANG ISLAND. THERE IS REGULAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN GEORGETOWN ON PENANG ISLAND TO BUTTERWORTH ON MAINLAND WITH CROSSING TIME OF ABOUT 12 MINUTES.

B. EQUALLY RANKED ARE PENANG AIRPORT PROJECT AND PENANG PORT EXPANSION PROJECT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE NEARLY COMPLETED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.
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